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Subject.

Re affairs of a building and a piece of land attached to the Sri Vijayarajaswami Matt at Conjeveram -

From

The Govt. agent

No. 52 Dated 28th Feb: 1907

The Govt. agent reports that the Matt building close to the Sri Varadarajaswami Temple at Conjeveram is a valuable one estimated to cost about 30,000 rupees. Some slight repairs costing about 500 Rs are stated to be required thereto. Regarding a portion of the Matt building required for opening out a Conservancy lane by the Municipality, the Govt. agent

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States that he has convinced the authorities of the reasonableness of a compensation being paid therefor. He points out the necessity of providing the building with a water tank at a cost of Rs 250/ and solicits sanction therefor.

It appears that there is a dry land belonging to the Matt in Vallivalam village of the Conjeevaram taluk. The Govt Agent suggests that the land may be given out for ~~address~~ growing Cocoanut trees thereon, sinking a well therein at a cost of about 15 or 20 Rs If the suggestion is approved the Govt Agent promises to submit detailed proposals.

His report deals with the facts in detail.

Submitted } The points touched in the Govt Agent's

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required on which orders are required are :—

(i) That a sum of Rs 500 may be required for the repairs of the matt building at Conjeevaram ;

(ii) That a strip of land in the back yard attached to the building is required by the municipality to form a conservancy lane ;

(iii) That a monthly rent at a cost of about Rs 25 is required to be provided for in the matt building

(iv) That the back yard may be planted with cocoanut-trees

(v) That the piece of dry land belonging to the Sri Vyasaraya-swami matt in Vellivalam

village in the Empire where
Indian living is cheaper and the
cost of living of the Indian in
Canada into which the Indian pauper
immigrant will enter [illegible]
Immigrant in the South African Republic;
and [illegible] will enable
the Canadian and Indian
Rs 15 or 20,

(VI) [illegible] in the Union of South Africa
which is more heavily taxed by reason
of the [illegible] of the Immigrant will
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South;

and (VII) [illegible] is required to [illegible] by the South
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enquired into.

(i) As regards the first point, it is noted that the matt is a substantial building and that the matadhikari has occupied a portion of it for his permanent residence. Whether he is paying any rent to the matt and if not why he should not be required to vacate the necessary reports has not been explained —

(ii) In regard to the state of the matt land required by the municipality the Govt. Agent may be directed to communicate with the local municipal authorities urging the payment of a reasonable

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compensation to the matt.

(iii) & (iv) The question of providing a water-tap may be considered when the matt building yields some income in the shape of rent; or an arrangement may be made by the Govt-Agent to bear out the portion for planting up coconut-trees on condition of the lessee having a tap at his own cost

(v) The question of improving the dry land in Vattivalam village may be given up for the present as the Govt-Agent says that it is not advantageous to the matt. Orders may issue regarding the improvement of the land by sinking a well on receipt of definite proposals

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promised

(vi) & (vii). Further remarks may be omitted on the 6th word the 7th point.

Submitted
Ds
12/3/07

Orders may be passed in the sense of the above remarks—

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Subd to the 2d/r

Chandra Shekhara Rao
13/3/09

I concur.
We should not expend the moneys at our disposal on objects like these the Govt agent should find the ways & means for incurring such expenditure

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12/3/07

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HW 16/3/07. 16/3/09

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Office of the Mysore Government Agent,
for the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt,
in the Mudras Department,

Camp, Timmavelly Bridge, 28th February 1907.

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The Secretary to the Government,
of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
in the Mudras Department
Bangalore

Report submitted by Government Agent M. Raghavendra Rao

On the Inspection of the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt properties in Conjeveram Taluk, Chengalpat District.

Begs respectfully to report that while the Government Agent was at Tiruputi one Krishnachar, brother of the late Venkobachar, the local Matadhikari of the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt at Conjeveram and adjoining Districts informed him that there is a big substantial Mattam building at Conjeveram which was in charge of his brother Venkobachar now deceased. He has succeeded his late brother in the office of Matadhikari and continues to be in charge of the Mattam building. Since the time his own house fell down. Krishnachar stated that he has been residing in a portion of the Mattam premises. Krishn

that a criminal complaint has been lodged

him by the Conjivaram Municipality for his persistance

in not allowing a piece of the back yard of the

to be taken possession of by the Municipality. As he (this teacher)

learnt that all the property and endowments of the Sri Vyasaraya

Swami Matt are in charge of the Mysore Government he begged the

Mysore Government Agent to inspect the properties in the

Conjivaram Taluk especially with reference to the dispute

between him and the Conjivaram Municipality regarding the

Matt back yard which is of a very great nature. As Conjivaram

was close to Arconum station thro which he had to return

to Bangalore from Tirupati the Government Agent inspected

the Conjivaram properties on his return journey.

2. The Mattam is a very substantial stone building

situated in the South Mada Veedhi street, i.e, the Matt is

the first building in the street adjoining the Sri Varadaraja

Swami Temple to the South. The present value of the building

may be estimated to about Rs 30,000 Thirty thousand. A

rough sketch of the building is herewith submitted. The

terrace of the roof having been broken the northern side of the

building leaks in several places. A portion of the parapet wall

on the roof to the west is gone. The Government Agent was told

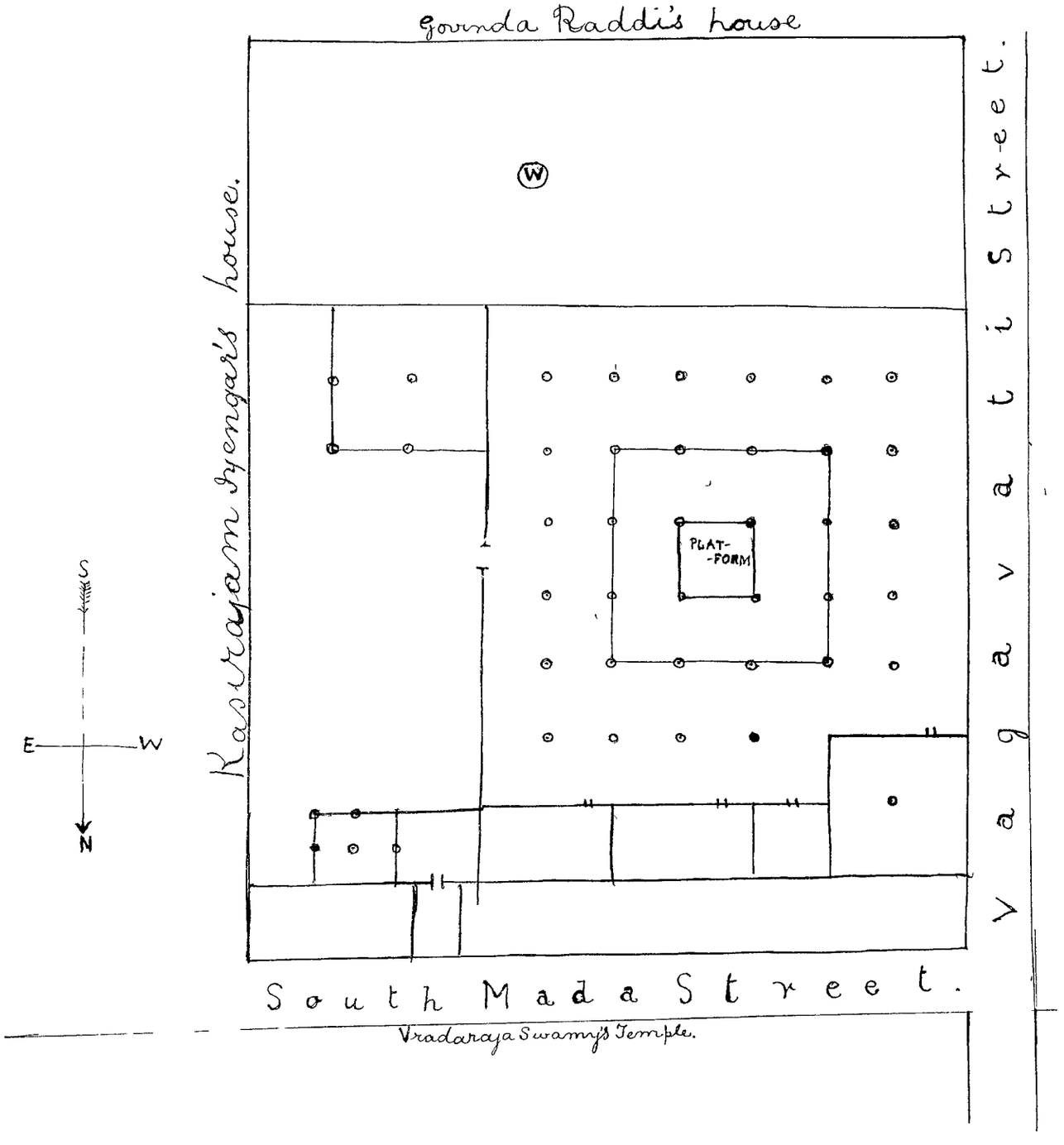
that it was blown away by the high winds about 5 years ago.

None of the rooms, excepting the central one, is provided with

door-shutters. A sum of Rs 500 may probably be required to

all these repairs.

Sri
Vyasaraya Swamy Matt
at
Kanchipuram.



3 ~~covents all these repairs~~ the back yard attached to the building is about an acre in extent. The Municipality claim a strip of land right along the South end of the back yard to make a conservancy lane for the benefit of the adjoining houses, but do not offer any Compensation for its acquisition. The contention of Krishnachar is that the land is in the enjoyment of the Matt. The Municipality have no right to take away the land as an unclaimed property for the conservancy benefit of houses other than the Matt. The owners of the houses who are benifited by the opening of the lane may contribute for the purpose out of their own grounds and not from the Matt ground. In the ancient town of Conjeevaram the value of land is high. The Government Agent agreeing with the reasoning of Krishnachar convinced the Municipal Surveyor with the rationale of his reasoning and also represented the matter to the Magistrate in whose Court the Complaint is lodged. He stated he would consider the reasoning urged in favor of the Matt. Krishnachar in his recent letter has stated that the matter has not yet been decided.

4.- During the Garudochavam season the building is in great demand by the pilgrims. If a water tap is provided to the Matt building at a cost of about Rs 25 some rent say about Rs 10 or 15, may be realized from pilgrims during the Garudochavam season. The refuse water from the tap may be made to irrigate the back yard where about 30 cocoanut trees may be planted which after about 5 years yield As:8 per tree per year or Rs 15 per year

~~gemesut~~ may be made under proper agreement with gardeners that they should get up the trees in return to the benifit of the right to cultivate the back yard with vegitables free of rent for 5 years. The Government Agent respectfully begs permission to get a water tap introduced to the Mattam building and a sum of Rs. 25 may be sanctioned for the purpose. There is a similar Mattam building ~~[illegible]~~ at Conjeevaram also for the Sri Ootteradhi Matt for which a water tap has been provided. Being close to the temple of Sri Varadaraja Swami the Sri Vyasaraya Mattam building is sought after by pilgrims.

5. A statement shewing the particulars of land held by the Matt in Valliwalam village, Conjeevaram Taluk is herewith submitted. The late Swamigalavaru may not have known the existence of this small property to the Matt. The Government Agent inspected the land. It is a piece of dry land measuring 1.44 acres. The Government demand on it is Rs. 3.0.11 per year. The land, if allowed to remain as dry land, is hardly able to produce dry Crops of sufficient value to make up the Government demand. The lands adjoining this dry land being double crop yielding wet lands irrigated by the waters of Vegavathi river, the ryots of Valliwalam village suggested to the Government Agent to lower the surface of the land so that it may be irrigated by Channel water thereby more profitable wet crops may be raised on the land. If this measure is adopted there will be an initial cost

of about Rs 100. When the land is made irrigable Government will charge water rate to let in channel water in addition to the existing dry rate of Rs 3 . 0 . 11 per annum. After all this trouble and expence the benefit to Mr. Watt is not much. The measure therefore did not commend itself to the Government Agent. But it is possible to improve the land by sinking a small well at a cost of Rs 15 or 20 and planting Cocoanut trees over the whole surface. It is capacious enough to be stocked in the about one hundred cocoanut trees. The Ryots of Valliveleem offered to undertake to plant cocoanut trees on this land. Matadhek. Krishnacher is also willing to take up the Contract for planting cocoanut trees under certain conditions. In this part of the Country cocoanut trees are being used for today drawing purposes after they attain 5 years growth. Each tree will then be able to yield As: 8 net to the proprietor or Rs 50 per year. The Government Agent has seen that cocoanut trees have been thriving well on the adjoining dry lands. No additional tax will be levied by Government if the land assessed as dry in the Survey Settlement if subsequently planted with cocoanut trees. In this way if this dry land is made to yield some revenue it may be set apart for the annual repairs of the Watt building at Conjivaram. If the above suggestion is approved of by Government a complete proposal with draft agreement ensuring tangible security for prompt performance of the Contract will be submitted for sanction of Government.

Government Agent understands that in the temple of Sri Varadaraja Swami at Conjeevaram a Mariyada known by the name of "Aralappadi" is allowed to the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Mattam. It is now enjoyed by one of the temple servants. The Government Agent is in communication with the Dharma Kartas of the temple to be transferred to a representative of the Matt at Conjeevaram.

7. In a Nirup written by the late Swamigalavaru to the late Venkobachar dated Vilambe Phalguna Bahula Punchame mention is made of 1¼ Kaune of Manigam at Thimalli yielding a Gutta of ₹6 per year. The present Matadhikari Krishnachar does not seem to know the whereabouts of the Manigam. The mother of Krishnachar said that the Manigam is situated near Madras. The Government Agent will make further enquiries about this Manigam when he happens to be near Madras.

8 Out of Matadhikar and land Guttas amounting to ₹13 payable by Matadhikar Krishnachar to the Matt per year a sum of ₹12 per annum is being paid to the Sri Varadaraja Swami temple for daily Toolasi Archana Service.

M. Raghavendra Rao

Government Agent

Statement shewing the particulars of landed property belonging to Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt in Conjeevaram Taluk Chengulpet District.

District	Taluk	Village	Description of property	Patta Number	Survey field Number	Sub Division letter or number	Description of land Dry or Wet	Description of land One or two crops	Extent of survey field		Faram assessment Rupees	Faram assessment Annas	Taxes payable to Government: Government land tax	Taxes payable to Government: Land cess	Taxes payable to Government: Total	Remarks
Chengulpet	Conjeevaram	Valluvalum No 389	Patta land	38	128	B	Dry	"	1	37	2	12	2 14 .	" 2 11	3 . 11	This is Iyen Patta land which was presented to the matt by Venkata Narsinga Rao father of Krishna Rao the present Village Munsiff of Valluvalum Village a disciple of the Sri Vyasaraya Swami Matt
				38	128	C	Dry	"	0	7	.	2				
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M. Raghavendra Rao
Government Agent.

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Adverting to his
No. 52 of 20th Feb: 1907
reporting on the
affairs of the Sri Kyasanoor
Swami Matt properties
at Conjeveram, the
Govt: accountant is informed
that (1) as regards the
Matt buildings which,
is stated to be a substantial
building, it should be
reported as to whether
the Mahadhikari who
is occupying it, should
not be made to pay
any rent & as to why

should not be required

to execute the necessary

repairs at once, and continue to effect

periodical repairs;

(2) in regard to the strip

of the matt land required

by the municipality,

the Govt agent should

communicate with the

authorities concerned

urging the payment

of a compensation;

(3) in the matter of

providing a water tap,

the Govt agent should

make arrangements

to lease out the backyard

of the matt for planting
up Cocoanut trees
on the additional
condition of the lessee
erecting a tap at
his own cost; (4)
in regard to the sinking
of a well to improve
the dry land in Vallivalum
village, definite orders
will be issued on receipt
of the further report
promised by the Govt.
agent, and that
on the two other
points, namely the matt

manijadar in the
Sri Varadarajaswami
temple and the manyam
land at Tinnevelli
enjoyed by the matadhikari
at Conjeveram, the
further reports promised
are awaited.
2. In all such matters
the Govt agent should
find the ways & means
for incurring such expenditure.
The moneys at the disposal
of Govt cannot be expended
on objects like those
now reported.

By order

Ls (II cls order) 16/3/07 Lee 16/3/07 To the Govt agent